

## WATER FAMINE IS FEARED

All the New England States Are Affected.

### PRECIPITATION IS DEFICIENT

The Temperature for November Was Also Decidedly Low — Wells Are Drying Up.

Boston, Dec. 13.—New England is threatened by a water famine. A general drought is reported by the United States Weather Bureau. Of nearly a hundred official reports, sent to J. W. Smith in Boston, every one refers to the extremely small precipitation in November, and many of them speak of the need of rain. Not a single town or city in New England reports having received the average amount of precipitation, and in most instances it is so far below the average that springs and wells are drying up. This shortage ranges from 0.26 at Nantucket to 4.37 inches at Worcester. The general effect of it may be understood when it is known that the average rainfall for November is between four and five inches. In many places there was hardly any rain or snow last month. Among the 97 stations at which official observations were taken there are 71 that had less than two inches of precipitation last November, and there are 16 which had less than one inch. The most remarkable feature of the situation is that every one of the 97 received less than the normal, as ordinarily there is some snow in New England that is favored with at least the average amount. At 56 of the stations the deficiency was more than two inches, and at 14 it was more than three.

Not only was the month extremely dry, but there was the same relation between the actual and the normal temperature as has been shown that there was between the actual and the normal precipitation. The normal temperature was not reached in a single place on the weather map. It was very cold; in fact, the temperature was the lowest for the month in the history of the New England climatic and crop report—a period of about twenty years. This has served to neutralize the general effect of snowfalls. Instead of melting and draining into the wells and springs, the snow has remained on the ground. It is understood that the farmers in some districts have been compelled to collect snow and melt for their cattle.

### POPE WELCOMES PILGRIMS.

Bishop McDonnell's Party Warmly Received at the Vatican.

Rome, Dec. 12.—The American pilgrimage led by the Right Rev. Charles E. McDonnell, bishop of Brooklyn, was received this morning by the pope in the Clementine hall of the Vatican. The pilgrims all wore badges of the American and papal colors.

The pontiff, who was dressed in white, was accompanied by Mons. Misciattelli and Gabriellini, followed by his domestic prelates and escorted by the noble guard, while the Swiss guard rendered military honors. The pilgrims, who carried many religious articles to be blessed, knelt as each was introduced. The pope gave them his hand to kiss while addressing a few kind words.

Bishop McDonnell presented to the pontiff \$5,000, and Mgr. John L. Barrett, the bishop's secretary, presented \$2,000 Peter's pence, in a beautiful box, as the offering of the priests of the Brooklyn diocese. The pope thanked them warmly, said he was most grateful to the pilgrims for coming to Rome, and blessed all and their families. After the ceremony Bishop McDonnell and the Right Rev. Charles H. Colton, bishop of Buffalo, were received in private audience.

### KING GAMBLER DUPED.

"Jim" O'Leary of Chicago Loses \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12.—It is told here that "Jim" O'Leary, the "King of Chicago Gamblers," was taken in by a false report of the running of the sixth race at Oakland, Saturday, and stands to lose thousands of dollars to patrons who hold bets on Col. Van, the 5 to 3 favorite, when the real winner of the race was Northwest, a 7½ to 1 shot. O'Leary, it is reported, will lose between \$100,000 and \$200,000, as, besides having paid out on Col. Van, he will have to settle with those who had bets on Northwest.

It is asserted that the coup against O'Leary was in revenge by a New Yorker who controls a company sending race track news, and who has been excluded from the Chicago bookmaking business by O'Leary.

### Missionary Conference Held.

Burlington, Dec. 12.—A largely attended conference to discuss missionary topics was held today in the First Baptist church in this city. Rev. Frank De Penney, pastor of the church presided and the principal speaker of the morning was Rev. Dr. W. E. Witter of Boston, a noted Baptist and missionary worker. Rev. W. A. Davidson, state missionary, spoke on Methods of Soul Winning, and an address was given by Rev. C. H. Spaulding, D. D., on the "Pastor's Responsibility and Opportunity in Relation to the Money Power of the Church." Revs. W. F. Sturtevant and J. T. Buzzell discussed the two papers.

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## AUTOMOBILE CAUSE OF SEPARATION OF COUPLE

Mrs. Dr. F. C. Gerlach Eclipses Swift California Record in Bringing Divorce Proceedings.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 12.—One hour after a quarrel with her husband, Mrs. Alice Gerlach, of San Jose, began proceedings for divorce. At 9:10 a. m. she met Dr. F. C. Gerlach at the breakfast table. Ten minutes later they had a violent quarrel, and in ten minutes more Mrs. Gerlach was on her way to the office of her brother-in-law, Atty. James.

She found Mr. James just entering his office. They conferred for a few moments, and at exactly 9:19 o'clock, one hour after she took her seat at the breakfast table, Mrs. Gerlach was filing a demand for divorce, alleging extreme cruelty.

Dr. Gerlach is a member of the board of health, and has a large practice. It seems that his wife had just learned of her husband's habit of taking night rides with actresses, and her jealousy was aroused. Her speed in bringing suit has broken even the swift California record.

### A BOLD ROBBERY.

Canterbury, N. H., Woman Allowed the House to Be Ransacked.

Canterbury, N. H., Dec. 12.—One of the boldest robberies which has occurred in this town for many years, if not in the history of the town, took place at the home of Henry Gleason about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when a masked man entered the house and secured \$15 before help could be called from the nearest neighbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Gleason were away during the afternoon and Miss Hattie French, the school teacher, was alone in the house. About 5 o'clock she heard a rap on the door and upon answering the summons she was surprised to find a masked man standing there, with a long black coat on. The man demanded what money and valuables she had in the house. Miss French regained her self-control and told him that she had no money, but the man replied that he knew better and would look for himself.

In spite of Miss French's remonstrances, the robber entered and began a thorough ransacking of the house. As he entered a side room, the young woman ran out of the house and started for the nearest neighbor's nearly a quarter of a mile away.

## EXPLANATION TO THE PUBLIC.



The old family apothecaries, Carleton and Hovey of Lowell, Mass., established in 1827, have in their possession the old prescription book in which is filed the prescription for Father John's Medicine, as written by the eminent specialist who prescribed it for the late Father John O'Brien of Lowell, by whom it was recommended to his friends and parishioners, and from whom it derived its name—and was advertised with his knowledge and approval. It is not a patent medicine and it is free from morphine, opium or other poisonous drugs. The money is refunded for any bronchial trouble, cough or cold it does not cure. It makes strength and prevents pneumonia—invaluable as a tonic and body builder for weak and run-down systems. Not a new medicine—50 years in use. If your druggist does not have it he can get it for you. The \$1 bottles contain three times the quantity of the 50 cent size. It is guaranteed, and the money is refunded if it does not do all that is claimed for it.

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## THE SMOOT CASE AGAIN

Senate Committee Resumes the Hearing of Protests.

### MORMON DIVORCES UP.

Are Granted to eDad Men — Church Does Not Wait for the Courts to Act in Cases.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Hearings of the protests against Reed Smoot, junior senator from Utah, retaining his seat in the United States Senate, were resumed today before the committee on privileges and elections. The room was crowded, women predominating among the spectators. Senator Smoot was accompanied by Waldemar Van Cott, a Salt Lake attorney, who is assisting A. S. Worthington of this city in conduct of the defense. Judge Franklin S. Richards, of Salt Lake, adviser to Mormon witnesses, and Mr. Worthington, also were present. Former Representative R. W. Taylor of Ohio acted again as counsel for the protestants.

When the hearing opened the members of the committee were Senator Burrows, chairman; Foraker, Dubois, Pettus and Overman.

The first witness called by Mr. Taylor was the Rev. J. M. Buckley of Morrisville, N. J., editor of the Christian Advocate of New York.

Dr. Buckley told of visits to Utah in 1901, and again last June. At that time he attended a joint convention of the Young Men's and Young Women's unions of Mormonism. Those who spoke were Brigham H. Roberts, Elmina S. Taylor and President Smith. Dr. Buckley read from an article he had written concerning the convention, and quoted from the speech of President Smith on the subject of marriage.

The witness said that President Smith discussed the responsibilities of marriage and how the contract is regarded by many persons. "Then," said Dr. Buckley, "President Smith drove himself up to his full height and spoke on the subject of divorce. He said that the mothers of his own children had been given him by God and were saints of God. He deplored the mother-in-law jokes and said his own mothers-in-law were the best friends he ever had; that they were true women, worthy of their daughters."

Dr. Buckley read from another article on this meeting, which said that President Smith's voice rang out as "strong as William J. Bryan's" as he defended the Mormon marriage, and declared that polygamy was not adultery, but was a system of marriage.

Dr. Buckley said he had made inquiries concerning Senator Smoot, and that he had found no one who said one word against him. Everywhere, the witness said, Senator Smoot was given an excellent character.

George Reynolds, a Mormon, living at Salt Lake, testified that he is the first assistant superintendent of the Mormon church Sunday school and secretary of the missionary committee of the apostles and formerly clerk or recorder of the endowment house. This relation was severed about 1871. Mr. Reynolds told the committee he has given certificates of marriage, since he ceased to be recorder of the endowment house, in cases where widows sought to obtain pensions.

In answer to questions by Senator Overman, Mr. Reynolds said marriages were performed with dead persons in the endowment house.

Mr. Taylor then asked if divorces were granted in the endowment house. "The church grants divorces to those who have been married for time and eternity, but does not divorce legal marriages until the courts have acted," said Mr. Reynolds. "Plural marriages are not recognized by the courts and therefore the church does not consult the court in granting divorces in case of such marriages."

Senator Foraker asked if such divorces are granted from dead persons.

"In a few instances only, I should say," said the witness.

"For something done after death or before?" the senator asked.

"In lifetime."

"Is the dead person given an opportunity to be heard?" the senator asked.

"No sir. It is because such cases are held to be unjust to the dead accused that so few divorces of this kind are granted," said the witness.

"Is any one appointed to defend the accused?"

"Never, but the complainant is given a hearing if satisfactory evidence is furnished to the church."

"Then it is purely ex-parte?"

"Purely so."

Senator Overman was attempting to bring out what assurance a man may have of meeting his several wives in heaven if divorces are granted after his death when the noon recess of the committee was taken.

### Bike Riders Get Money.

New York, Dec. 12.—The riders who remained in the six-day bike race at Madison Square Garden to the finish on Saturday night received their prizes at the Hotel Bartholdi today. The prizes were awarded by Pat Powers and Harry Pollok, who managed the contest, and were as follows:

Root and Darlon, \$1,500; Vanderstuyft and Stol, \$1,000; Samuelson and Williams, \$750; Keegan and Logan, \$500; Kroba and Fogler, \$350; Breton and Goglotz, \$250; Turville and Mettling, \$200.

The five teams that withdrew from the race, or rather went on "strike," because, they claimed at the time, a lap gained by Vanderstuyft and Stol had not been fairly covered, will also receive some money. The amount, however, Powers refuses to state.

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### TO IMPEACH JUDGE SWAYNE.

Congressional Committee Practically Unanimous for His Removal.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Eight Republican members of the House judiciary committee, Representatives Parker (N. J.), Jenkins (Wis.), Alexander (N. Y.), Littlefield (Maine), Thomas (Iowa), Gillett (Cal.), Penro (Md.), and Warner (Ill.), today submitted to the House their views in the case of Judge Charles Swayne of the Northern District of Florida.

While disagreeing in some particulars with the views submitted for the full committee last week by Representative Palmer (Pa.), they say that the question of charging \$10 a day for expenses has been brought out for the first time in the additional testimony taken since last session, and laid before the committee.

With respect to the record on that point, "they are of the opinion that an impeachable offense has been made out." This makes the committee practically unanimous for impeachment, although differing on the ground.

### WRIGHT'S SUCCESSOR.

Prof. Charles P. Neill Chosen Commissioner of Labor.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The President today appointed Prof. Charles P. Neill of the District of Columbia commissioner of labor to succeed Carroll D. Wright. The new commissioner is the professor of economics at the Catholic University here and is a native of Texas. He is a member of the Washington Economic Society. E. E. Clark, president of the American Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, was a candidate for the position. The name of John T. Mitchell, head of the Anthracite Coal Miner's Union, was also mentioned in connection with the place.

### RAILROAD WINS.

Western Union Must Submit to Removal of Poles.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—The supreme court of the United States today decided the case of the Western Union Telegraph company vs. the Pennsylvania railroad company, involving the right of the railroad company to remove the telegraph company's poles from its right of way, in favor of the railroad company. The opinion was handed down by Justice McKenna.

In the decision the court held that the congressional act of 1866, which controlled in the case, does not grant eminent domain to telegraph companies over the private property of railroad companies.

In a second case in the controversy between the companies, involving the right of the telegraph company to condemn a part of the railroad's lines, the supreme court decided in opposition to the telegraph company's intentions.

### Ames Jury Disagrees.

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—The jury in the case of ex-Mayor Ames has disagreed.

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### AN INTRODUCTION.



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—Boston Herald.

## EIGHT HOUR LAW REPORT

Bureau of Labor Completes Investigation.

### IS LEFT TO CONGRESS

For Determination — Little Chance of Action This Session — Claim Law Would Demoralize Work.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The Bureau of Labor today submitted to Secretary McCall the report of its investigation on the proposed eight-hour law, which attracted so much attention in the last Congress. This measure is aimed to limit the working day of all persons employed on government contracts in private establishments. The manufacturers believed it would cause a demoralization in a factory to have one time schedule in operation wherever they had government work, and another by its side on regular lines, as in a plant which was making army boots. Certain labor organizations pushed the measure vigorously. A compromise was made in the shape of a reference of the question to the Bureau of Labor, with directions for a report, and upon that it was assumed Congress would act this session.

Those who have read the report feel that it does not greatly clarify the situation. The questions as drafted by the congressional committee did not readily lend themselves to statistical inquiry and Colonel Wright's bureau is an information gatherer and is not intended to register opinions. Accordingly, all the facts relating to the proposed restriction have been gathered, but the real question at issue must remain one of individual judgment upon which Congress itself will have to pass. There is little likelihood of any action at this session, however.

### WANTED FOR STEALING.

Man Arrested at St. Johnsbury Was Taken to Lawrence, Mass.

St. Johnsbury, Dec. 12.—Napoleon De Caron, wanted for the alleged theft of \$42 in Lawrence, Mass., was taken to that city Saturday.

The money was taken November 20. It was suspected that the man might come here as he had relatives in this village. He was here Thanksgiving day but eluded the officers, who had been warned by the Lawrence police, and escaped to Sherbrooke, P. Q. Thursday evening he was seen by an officer as he stepped from a train. Marshal O'Sullivan, of Lawrence, was notified, and sent an officer, who went to the home of De Caron's sister, where it was claimed he had not been seen.

The man was found at a neighbor's, where he had gone to try to get work as a carpenter. He accompanied the officer back to Massachusetts.

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